



By 1775, Paul Revere was the patriots' most valuable messenger, having already transported critical messages thousands of miles. He was also "one of the upwards of thirty, chiefly mechanics, who formed our selves in to a Committee for the purpose of watching the Movements of the British Soldiers, and gaining every intelegence of the movements of the Tories."

Three days before the Midnight Ride the Committee observed significant activity by the British naval vessels and anticipated that an attack would soon take place. Revere wrote that he "agreed with a Col. Conant, & some other Gentlemen, that if the British went out by Water, we would Shew two Lanthorns in the North Church Steeple; & if by Land, one, as a Signal; for we were apprehensive it would be dificult to Cross the Charles River, or git over Boston neck." The infamous lanterns then, were never signals to Revere "on the opposite shore" --as Longfellow put it- - but signals *from* Revere, in case he was unable to escape safely with the news from British-occupied Boston.

He wrote "On Tuesday evening, the 18th it was observed, that a number of Soldiers were marching towards the bottom of the Common. About 10 o'Clock, Dr. Warren Sent in great haste for me, and beged that I would imediately Set off for Lexington, where Messrs. Hancock & Adams were, & acquaint them of the Movement, and that it was thought they [Hancock and Adams] were the objets."

Paul Revere's Ride
One of a group of five murals at the Massachusetts State House by Robert Reid

Courtesy of the Massachusetts Arts Commission

"Mr. Revere will give you all the news. - J. Adams."

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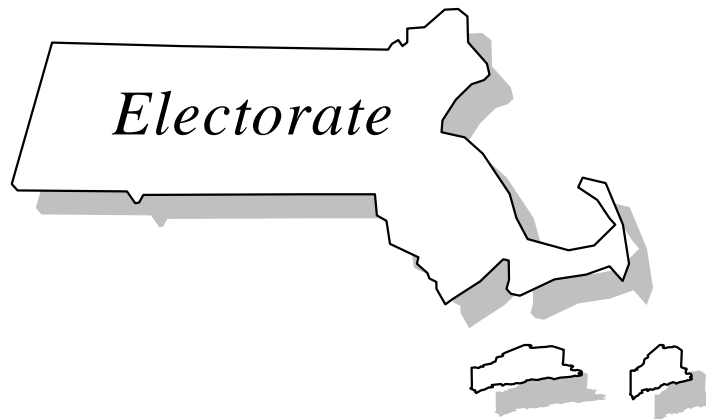
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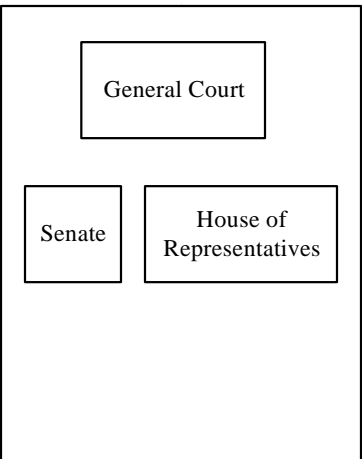
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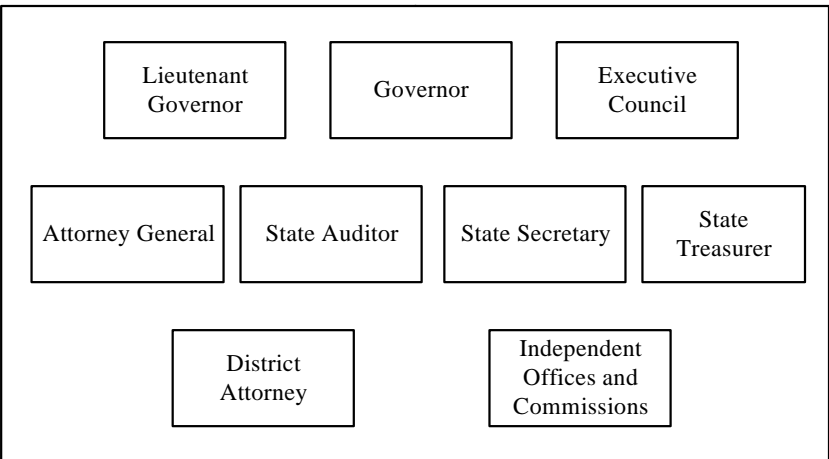
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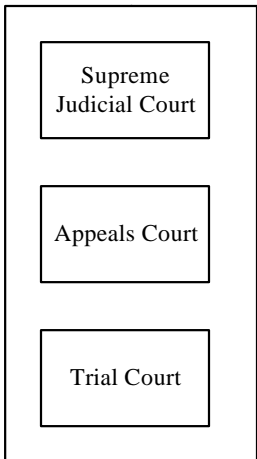
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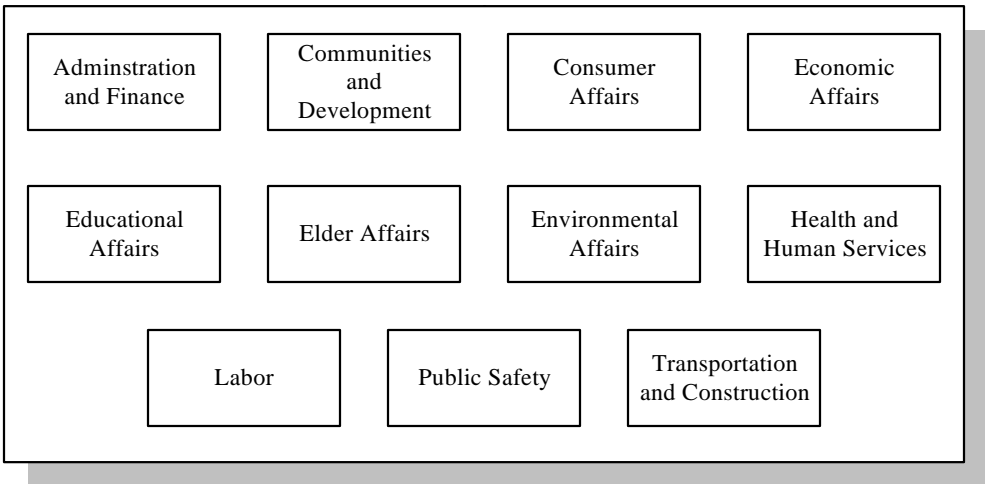
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